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Reply to Restriction Requirement of September 4, 2007

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The examiner has restricted the claims six ways (Groups numbered I-VI). In response, Applicants elect Group I, claims 30-50, 58, 60-75, and 88, drawn to a method of protein coupling. Applicants further elect species (b), insoluble support, and species (23) gold. Amended claims 31-50 and 88-92 each read on the elected group and species.

Pending Claims

Claims 1-30 and 51-87 are cancelled from the pending application as drawn to non-elected claims and/or species. Cancellation of these claims is without prejudice to refile in a divisional application. Claims 31-40, 42-44, and 88 are currently amended. New claims 89-92 are added. Accordingly claims 31-50 and 88-92 are pending in this application.

The claim amendments are supported by the specification and do not add new subject matter to the claims. New claims 91 and 92 find support, for example, at least at page 12, lines 28-33, in the definition of the term “support”.

If a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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